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SUBJECT: BURKINA FASO: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT  
COMPAORE

1. Please arrange for the following message from the Prime Minister  
to to be conveyed to President Blaise Compaore following his  
victory in the Presidential elections last month:

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I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU WARMLY ON YOUR RE-APPOINTMENT AS  
PRESIDENT OF BURKINA FASO FOR A FURTHER TERM. I SEND YOU MY BEST  
WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE AND  
PROSPERITY TO ALL IN YOUR COUNTRY.

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8 December 1998

Dear Philip,

Burkina Faso: Message of Congratulations to President Compaore

President Blaise Compaore was re-elected for another 7-year term on 15 November having gained 87.5% of the vote. The results were provisionally announced on 18 November and confirmed by the Supreme Court on 24 November.

According to election observers there were no flagrant irregularities, though concerns were voiced over the manner in which the electoral lists were drawn up and registration cards distributed. However, the two opposition parties are satisfied that their voices have been heard and that the elections were conducted in a peaceful and dignified manner.

In light of this, and the fact that President Compaore has established himself as an effective and legitimate Head of State, it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a message of congratulations. The text of the message might read as follows:

I wish to congratulate you warmly on your re-appointment as President of Burkina Faso for a further term. I send you my best wishes for success in your efforts to bring peace and prosperity to all in your country.

*Yours ever,*

*Tim*

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